



Palm Sunday (28th March)

8:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Parish Eucharist
18:30 Stations of the Cross

The 10:00 am service begins in the Church Hall with the giving out and blessing of the palm crosses. We then make the short procession into church, recalling Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

At the 6:30 pm service we retrace the steps of Jesus as we follow and meditate on the 'Stations of the Cross.'

Maundy Thursday (1st April)

20:00 Maundy Eucharist

At the service at 8.00 pm we remember Christ's greatest gift to the church—his 'last supper.' The church is dramatically stripped of all decoration at the end of this service, as we bring to mind his betrayal in the garden. A token of his presence is watched over until midnight.

Good Friday (2nd April)

12:30 The Proclamation of the Cross

We are at Chesterton Methodists for an all-age service at 11:00 am, and after refreshments we will be joined by members of St Andrew's church for a united act of witness outside, before going back to our own buildings.

Back by 12:30, we have a meditative service entitled 'The Proclamation of the Cross'

Easter Sunday (4th April)

8:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Parish Eucharist with Baptisms
18:30 Songs of Praise

The 10:00 am service will begin outside the church, with the blessing of the Easter Candle.

'Easter Songs of Praise' is in the evening at 6:30 pm—all our favourite Easter hymns, and new songs too.

Sunday 4th April—Easter Day

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Easter Songs of Praise

Sunday 11th April—Easter 2

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 18th April—Easter 3

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 25th April—Easter 4

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Morning prayer daily at 8.00 am (Saturdays 9 am)
Midweek Communion: Weds at 10.00 am

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Easter headline?



It looks as if it should be - but no, the newspaper Carol Akal is holding dates from 1965, and the front-page story is a report of the funeral of Winston Churchill. The paper is one of the collection now held at Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre where Carol is a project worker.

IN 1996, Don Flory, News Editor of 'Challenge', presented the then St Andrew's Junior School, Nuffield Road with hundreds of old newspapers which he had collected over many years, many describing the events of the Second World War, as well as publications covering major events - Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, June, 1897; the first flight across the English Channel by Louis Bleriot, July, 1909; the death of King George V, January, 1936; the Russian launch of the first satellite, October, 1957, etc.

Unfortunately, the building of the new Shirley School on the former St Andrew's site has meant that the unique collection, which had been stored near the main hall, had

to be moved to another place for safety - to nearby Brown's Field Community Centre.

Project Worker at the centre, Carol Akal, has offered to look after the papers which have now been placed in a small accessible room.

"I'm hoping those who come to the centre, particularly the youngsters, will want to browse through the collection, which I have found to be most interesting," she said.



ST GEORGE'S newest member is Benedict Hobday—seen here with his mum on their first visit to church just days after his arrival. Mum Hannah is Assistant Curate at St George's, and dad is also a priest: Revd Philip Hobday is the Chaplain at Magdalene College.

New housing nears completion

THE first residents of a new multi-million pound housing development, which is being built for the Hundred Houses Society in Chesterton, are expected to move into the buildings by the end of the month.

The housing complex, called Freeman House, is being completed between Inverness Close (off Edinburgh Road) and Elmfield Road, and consists of 40 two-bedroom apartments suitable for up to three people, and has been designed for single people or couples who are aged 55 years or more.

The Society says that the development is set in its own grounds and will provide privacy and gardens in which to relax, and there is a large parking area including extra-wide spaces for disabled parking.

Each entrance to the building will also have a lift and staircase nearby to

access to the first floor, and each apartment will have entryphone control over access. The scheme is suitable for wheelchair users throughout, and the apartment interiors include fitted kitchens and bathrooms and ample storage, and there is a range of finishes and fittings to select from.

Rents will be based on the government's rent formula for affordable homes.

The Society says that those people who decide

to move to Freeman House will be helped to make their transfer from their previous home as stress free and easy as possible.

Anyone interested in becoming a resident at the new development and who would like to have an informal chat with the Society, should contact Chris Ball, the Housing Manager, on 315036, email: info@hhs.org.uk; the Society's headquarters is situated at 51 Scotland Road.

Freeman House is being constructed by builders SDC of Bedfordshire.



Freeman House, the new housing complex now being completed in Chesterton for the Hundred Houses society.

Farewell to Sarah

THE King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership said goodbye to its hardworking Treasurer, Sarah Cashman, last month. Together with her husband, Tom, Sarah is moving to Lugarno, Switzerland, where Tom will be working for some months. Sarah also worked at the children's centre at the Arbury Community Centre complex where she ran the family drop-ins, and helped at the centre's café. She was also actively involved with the 'Summer Blast' activity held locally each year.

Garry Drive

A PLANTING design scheme to improve the verges in Garry Drive is expected to be presented to the City Council's North Area Committee this month for approval, subject to public consultation. The City Council are liaising with the County Council to gain the necessary approval for the scheme within the highway.

To date no budget has been committed to the plan, but it is estimated it will cost in the region of £6,500.

Shortfall in Primary School places

The County Council has been looking at the number of places it has for 4/5 year old children starting school, and the number of children born in recent years means there is a massive shortfall in some wards.

In some areas there are hundreds of places needed, but for the East Chesterton ward it is possible there will be a need for a new one form entry primary school providing up to 210 places as well as the newly redeveloped Shirley Primary school with 420 places in Nuffield Road.

The Council are putting a range of measures into place to address the issue, such as the use of mobile

classrooms on some sites and extending others.

The site of the former Shirley Infant School in Green End Road will be retained rather than selling it when the school moves into their new building in Nuffield Road. This could then be the site for a new 210 primary (age range 4 - 11) but the site does have drawbacks, including very limited outdoor space.

Other solutions might include increasing the admission number at the Grove Primary School from 30 children to 60 children into Reception and expanding the newly built Orchard Park School to a 210 place primary.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm
Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954
SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm
Contact Cathy Shortland 293510

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon
(1st Tuesday of the month)
OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm
(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
Anne Baker: 423367
LUNCH CLUB
(3rd Tuesday of the month)
Arthur Clapp: 500220
RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm
Julie Beaumont 321736
HATHA YOGA: 7.45-9.15 pm.
Sue Pocock: 366588

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-2.45pm

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am
Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-1pm

Saturdays:

CHESTERTON BALLET SCHOOL:
9.30 am-3.30 pm
Sue Pocock: 366588

For occasional hall bookings, ring the Vicarage
(01223) 423374

St George's APCM

St GEORGE'S Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th April, following the morning service. It will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to all who live in the parish) at which the two churchwardens will be elected for the coming year.

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Karate success

THE Karate Club – Cambridge, which meets at the Brown's Field Community Centre on Tuesday evenings, has been going from strength to strength over the past year, and can now boast a World Champion winner member, Emma Seddon.

Emma competed in the Intermediate Kata (fixed forms) section at the WUMA World Championships in Worcester last year, outclassing her opponents and taking the title of World Champion Kata. She is hoping to represent the club in Paris this year.

Two other members of the club, Thomas Resstan and Stephen Edwards, together with Emma, competed in various tournaments last year with each of them bringing back trophies to Cambridge.

Club instructor, Valerie Davies, said: "Thomas,

Stephen and Emma all competed successfully in 2009 amassing a collection of awards. I'm really pleased on how well our students are progressing in their training", she added, "and although we are a small club we are definitely packing a punch on the tournament scene!"

The Karate Club—Cambridge has been run by Valerie Davies for two years, after she moved to Cambridge from Bristol where she ran a highly successful karate club. The club instructor has over 25 years of experience in teaching shukokai karate and self defence to all ages and abilities.

All are welcome to join the club (it also meets on Thursday evenings at the Cambridge Sea Cadet Unit), and further information can be found at the www.the-karate-club.co.uk or by calling 07842 627637.

Festival poster competition

SCHOOL children living in Chesterton are being asked to enter a poster competition by designing a logo for the Chesterton Festival which is to be held between 25-28 June.

Sally Roden, the City Council's Community Development Officer who is helping to organise the event, told 'Challenge': "We are hoping that local youngsters will want to support the forthcoming event by drawing and painting a poster, the winning design being used on the Festival programme in June."

The theme for the festival is 'The World in Chesterton', and those who create a design are asked to bring it along to Brown's Field Community Centre on Monday, 19 April, addressing it to: 'Chesterton Festival Design a Logo Competition'.

Those entering the competition are asked to put their name, age, address and telephone number on the back of their entry and address it to Sally Roden. Any queries please ring 420309.

Singers sought for community choir

THIS month sees the start of rehearsals for the brand new Chesterton Festival Community Choir.

"We have a date for our first performance; we have a conductor and accompanist; we have a rehearsal room and schedule—all we need now is some singers!" says Vicar of St George's Stephen Bowring who has agreed to form and lead the choir.

As reported in last month's 'Challenge,' Stephen has a long pedi-

gree as a choir director and musician.

Rehearsals begin on Thursday 22nd April at 7 pm in the Church Hall, Chesterfield Road CB4 1LN. No auditions necessary—beginners welcome.

"You've seen it on the TV—now come and experience it for yourself!" adds Stephen. "You can't beat the thrill of making music together, as we tackle songs from around the world."

Ring 423374 for info.



St George's youngest members and their leaders were introduced to a new way of doing children's church recently—our picture shows some of them about to experience "Godly Play" for the first time.

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St George's Clubs

THE Kettle Club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 6 April at 10.30 am for coffee, tea and biscuits, a raffle and, of course, a good chat!

Members of the Over 60's Club meet in the hall on Tuesday, 13 April when the club holds its AGM which will be followed by a Bring & Buy Sale, and on Tuesday, 27 April the Over 60's have a very colourful meeting when George and Joy Carr, the Pearly King & Queen of Southwark, South London will be the special guests. Both George and Joy are notable holders of the MBE. Meet-

St GEORGE'S popular annual Plant Sale will be held outside the church on Saturday, 22 May at 10am. Gifts of plants to sell will be most welcome, so if you have any plants you are splitting up or if you have grown more than you need, please bring them to the sale or contact Anne Baker on 423367 who will be happy to collect them.

ings begin at 1.45pm.

The popular Lunch Club meet in the hall on Tuesday, 20 April at 12.30 pm - members should contact Arthur Clapp on 500220 if they are unable to attend.

Another Charity Coffee Morning will be held in church on Saturday, 3 April between 10 am - 12 noon when proceeds will again go to Trade Fair. All welcome.

To mark St George's Day (23 April), St George's Church is holding a Celebration Lunch in the hall on Sunday, 25 April at 12.30 pm. Tickets £5.

Local History Group

THE Chesterton Local History Group will meet at St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road on Tuesday, 20 April at 2.30 pm when Peter Filby will talk about the 'Mills of Chesterton.'

Arbury TG

THE Arbury Townswomen's Guild meet at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 15 April at 2.30 pm when, Geoff Batty will speak to members under the title of 'Musical Offering.'

Sunshine Group

MEMBERS of the Sunshine Group who meet regularly at the Brown's Field Community Centre

will be visiting the Polhill Nurseries in Coton on Monday, 19 April.

Tiny Feet

'TINY FEET' is a group for babies and their parents who meet at the Brown's Field Community Centre on Wednesday afternoons arranged by Sure Start. A dietician will be meeting the group on Wednesday, 14 April at 1.15 pm.

Egg Hunt

A REMINDER that the annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way on Wednesday, 7 April between 10.30 am - 11.30 am. There will be fun and games, face painting and lots more for the youngsters, but although the event is free parents need to book a place by contacting Maria Cassidy on 508197.

Railway Circle

THE Cambridge Railway Circle will be welcoming Brain Sharpe to its monthly meeting at the Arbury Community Centre on Friday, 9 April at 7.30 pm. Mr Sharpe's talk is entitled 'Preserved Steam, Today and Tomorrow'.

Grovebury Ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies Club will be meeting at the Arbury Community Centre during this month

as follows: 6- Royal Scottish Country Dancers; 13- Craft and Hobby Evening, plus a cake stall; 20- Cactus & Succulent Society, talk by Paul Hoxey; 27- David Bethall from Green Horizon Ltd. Meetings begin at 8 pm.

Space 2 Play

SURE START has started a 'Space 2 Play' scheme for young children at the Chesterton Children's Centre (formerly ECCO House), Franks Lane, every Thursday between 1-5 pm. Parents are encouraged to 'drop-in' anytime during that afternoon and stay for as long as they like for pretend play, stories, painting, brick building, etc. For more details telephone 426710.

Council meeting

THE next City Council North Area Committee meeting for all local residents will be held at the Manor Community College on Thursday, 29 April at 6.30 pm for planning decisions, etc., and at 7.30 pm for the main agenda. During the meeting questions can be directed to the ward councillors who will be in attendance.

Friends of Stourbridge Common

FOSC is for all who enjoy walking, cycling or sitting on Stourbridge Common,

and they have two events planned soon:

Fri 16th April 7.30 - 8.30 pm St Andrew's Church Hall: Guy Belcher from Cambridge City Council to speak on biodiversity on the Common, and Daisy Berthoud reflects on dogs.

Sat 17th: 10 am-12, litter-pick and clean-up on the common. Come at your own risk - this event is not being sponsored by Keep Britain Tidy this year so there is no insurance. Please bring your own bags and gloves.

Jumble sale

Offers of clothing of all kinds are urgently needed for St George's next Jumble Sale, which will be held in the hall on Saturday, 10 April at 1.30 pm.

There has been a considerable decrease in clothing donations to St George's jumble sales in past months. We think this may be connected with the increase in 'charity' collections of clothes by the use of plastic bags from homes. 100% of the proceeds from our sales goes to Church funds.

Jumble can be left in the church porch from Monday, 5 April.

But please remember, no electrical goods or furniture can be accepted.

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